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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

FROM : Walter Elder
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT : Minutes of the Eighty-ninth Board Meeting,
4 August 1981, 1400-1500 Hours

Minutes of the Meeting:

1. General Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) Approval.
2. National HUMINT Tasking Plan: Terrorism and Revolutionary Violence.

Admiral Inman opened the discussion by noting that Collection Plan was a more appropriate title than Tasking Plan and would be used henceforth. This change was favorably received by the principals. ☐

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Admiral Inman invited the principals to comment specifically on the subject plan and on the immediately following item on nuclear proliferation. He said he would then ask the principals for their views on the general utility of collection plans and whether to continue the system. ☐

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☐ described the general thrust of the two collection plans and noted that they had been staffed through the mechanism of the DCI Human Resources Committee. ☐

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☐ Chairman of the Committee, noted that the plan on terrorism and revolutionary violence was new. The plan on nuclear proliferation was an update and had been produced and expanded after extensive discussions with both analysts and policymakers. ☐

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The NFIB principals expressed a strong consensus in favor of the collection plan with specific comments as follows:

Mr. John McMahon, the acting CIA representative, said that the plan appeared to cover the waterfront and provided useful guidance for the CIA/DDO collection program. He said that he was especially pleased to find references to the role of other members of the U.S. ☐ abroad. He also said that areas of interest shifted rapidly and we would need to pay close attention to the listing of priorities. ☐

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Mr. Cohen, State Department representative, said the plan had no holes and was just about right. [REDACTED]

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Maj Gen Edmund Thompson, U.S. Army representative, said that the plan is good but may present a somewhat optimistic view of Army capabilities to support it. [REDACTED]

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Dr. John LaBarre, the Department of Energy representative, asked that consideration be given to including the targetting of nuclear facilities by terrorist groups. [REDACTED] agreed. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Arthur Long, the Department of Treasury representative, noted that although Customs Service and the Secret Service were primarily consumers of intelligence in this area, those Services could be expected to collect and report information within their capabilities. He wondered about the usefulness of listing specific groups of terrorists in view of that fact that the names were so subject to change. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Edward O'Malley, the FBI representative, said the plan was fine and that the Bureau was devoting increased resources to terrorism. He cited the [REDACTED]

He said that collection efforts were aimed at forestalling attacks or at supporting vigorous prosecution efforts. He cited improved coverage within the United States. [REDACTED]

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3. National HUMINT Tasking Plan: Nuclear Proliferation.

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The CIA representative cited the need for more analytical as well as collection capability. He noted that the question of intentions with respect to nuclear proliferation, which emerged from assessment of the original plan, was a vital, but difficult target on which more stress would be placed. [REDACTED]

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The State/INR representative said he liked the paper, but noted that the authors might wish to review it in the light of the recent Presidential Directive on nuclear proliferation. [REDACTED]

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The Department of Energy representative cited the need to consider the use of nuclear devices by terrorists. [REDACTED]

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On the question posed by Admiral Inman about the general utility of the HUMINT collection plans, the NFIB principals endorsed their usefulness and said they wished the system to continue with specific comments as follows:

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The CIA representative said a system of this nature is needed. He applauded the decision to use the term collection plans in lieu of tasking plans. ☐

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